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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY

--- RICHARDSON

1. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON MET WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR LONDON. MEETING WAS AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR AND ALSO WAS ATTENDED BY IONITA DAS DOWNEY, AND GEORGE.

2. AMBASSADOR STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) HIGH IMPORTANCE ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP AND PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ATTACH TO SECRETARY'S VISIT AND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING; NOTED THAT BREZHNEV'S VISIT WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM IMPORTANCE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT AND MIGHT MAKE IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. (2) ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP SEES TWO

CENTRAL PROBLEMS WHICH LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY CEAUSESCU:

(A) EXPORT LICENSING ISSUE WHICH BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN ROMANIAN VIEW; AMB DID NOT RAISE CDC ISSUE BUT NOTED ROMANIAN'S EXPORT CONTROL INTEREST IN BROAD AREA INVOLVED. (FOLLOWING MEETING AMB RAISED WITH DOWNEY QUESTION OF SUNDSTRAND 5 - AXIS EQUIPMENT).;

(B) JOINT VENTURES WITH U.S. FIRMS, PARTICULARLY U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTING SUCH VENTURES. INTERESTED IN WHAT JOINT COMMISSION AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL CAN DO AND HOW DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CAN ASSIST. AMB. INDICATED CEAUSESCU INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES, PARTICULARLY FOR MACHINE TOOL AREAS. AMB. NOTED HIS EMBASSY'S VIEW OF NEED FOR INCREASED ROMANIAN EMPHASIS ON APPROACHING MEDIUM-SIZE U.S. FIRMS FOR JOINT VENTURES. KISSINGER

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